

REMARKS

Claims 1-83 are pending. Claims 1-14, 23-32, 36-50 and 68-83 have been cancelled. New claims 84-109 have been added. Support for the new claims can be found throughout the specification and the claims as filed. In particular, support for the new claims can be found in original claims 15, 19, 33-35, 39, 50-67 and 78. Accordingly, these amendments and new claims do not raise an issue of new matter and entry thereof is respectfully requested.

The Office Action indicates that restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121 and 372. Applicants respectfully point out that 35 U.S.C. § 372 does not apply since the question of unity of invention permitted under § 372 (b)(2) relates to international applications designating but not originating in the United States, whereas the above-identified application did originate in the U.S. Furthermore, it is respectfully pointed out that there was no indication during the PCT stage of a lack of unity of invention. It is therefore respectfully submitted that the claims should be considered as having unity and examined together. It is pointed out that all of the claims depend from claims 15 or 19.

Although Applicants traverse the restriction requirement in light of unity of invention, Applications nevertheless elect the claims of Group I, pending claims 15-22, 52-54, new claims 88-90, which parallel claims 52-54, and new claims 106 and 109, which parallel claim 78, and respectfully request that claims 33-35, 51-67, 84-87 and 91-109 be examined together. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned agent if there are any questions.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 502624 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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